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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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TOECO 17, FOR CASEY FROM ARMSTRONG

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 187078 DATED SEPT 20 SENT ACTION MANILA
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SUBJECT; CIVAIR: PHILIPPINE HOMECOMING FARES

REF: MANILA 10754

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ARMSTRONG

1. CASEY HAS LEFT FOR NAIROBI. REASON FOR REJECTION
BY CAB OF SPECIAL HOMECOMING FARE WAS THAT IT
ATTEMPTED DISCRIMINATE IN FAVOR ONE CLASS OF
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PASSENGERS (THOSE CARRYING PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS)

WHICH INADMISSIBLE UNDER OUR REGULATIONS. WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THERE IS ANY CONSPIRACY WHATSOEVER AMONG OTHER AIRLINES, AND WE FEEL THAT CAB ACTED PROPERLY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH AMERICAN CARRIERS INDICATES THEY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SPECIAL HOMECOMING FARE WHICH WAS NOT DISCRIMINATORY AND WHICH WAS SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN FIGURE SUGGESTED, BUT STILL A BARGAIN FARE.

3. PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT OR AMBASSADOR HAS AT NO TIME APPROACHED US FOR HELP IN THIS SITUATION. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO WORK WITH PHILIPPINE EMBASSY HERE TO SEE WHAT COULD BE WORKED OUT, BECAUSE WE DO APPRECIATE POLITICAL UNDERTONES AND RELATIONSHIP THIS MATTER TO OUR LARGER PROBLEMS IN PHILIPPINE RELATIONS. YOU MIGHT QUIETLY LET GOP KNOW THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING BE HELPFUL. WE ARE NOT IN POSITION TAKE INITIATIVE WITH CAB OR WHITE HOUSE UNLESS IN RESPONSE TO PHILIPPINE APPROACH. RUSH UNQTE RUSH

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